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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH SECY. KISSINGER

1. YUZO HATANO, SENIOR EDITOR, SPECIAL PROJECTS BRANCH OF MAINICHI SHIMBUN, JAPANESE DAILY WITH CIRCULATION OF SEVEN MILLION, REQUESTS INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ANYWHERE OR ANYTIME, BUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HATANO LEAVING NEXT WEEK FOR TWO MONTHS' ROVING ASSIGNMENT IN MIDDLE EAST, SO MEETING THERE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY CONVENIENT THOUGH QUITE WILLING TO TRAVEL ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING WASHINGTON.

2. INTERVIEW WOULD COVER BROAD RANGE OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS, POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ENERGY CRISIS, US-JAPAN RELATIONS, US- PRC RELATIONS, ETC. QUESTIONS WOULD BE SUBMITTED AND AGREED ON IN ADVANCE.

3. EMBASSY FEELS THAT TIMING PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE FOR AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT BY SECRETARY ON BROAD RANGE OF ISSUESREQUIRING CLOSE US-JAPAN COOPERATION. MAINICHI OFFERS EXCELLENT FORUM FOR REACHING HIGHLEVEL DECISION MAKERS AND OPINION LEADERS AS WELL AS BROADER AUDIENCES. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT SECRETARY GRANT INTERVIEW.

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4. HATANO IS WELL-KNOWN AND HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE EMBASSY.

HE IS A GRADUATE OF TOKYO UNIV; DID GRADUATE STUDY AT COLUMBIA AS A FULBRIGHTER, 1957-58; AND SERVED AS CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON 1964-67 AND NEW YORK 1967-68. HIS ENGLISH IS VERY GOOD AND HIS COMMAND OF U.S. AFFAIRS EXCELLENT.

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